




CONFIRMAND & PARENT INFORMATION PACK



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Holy Family Parish Faith Formation

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April 29, 2025

Dear Confirmation Candidates for 2025-26 and Parents/Guardian,

The enclosed Confirmation instructions are being handed out to you today for your review and preparation for Confirmation.

Please read them over carefully and be aware of the deadlines of your requirements, **especially** for your sponsors' paperwork. Keep these notices in a safe place. A letter is to be written to our Pastor, Fr. Matthew J. Pflieger, by each Candidate, telling him why you wish to make your Confirmation (see sample form enclosed), this is due 9/10/25.

There will be an oral Confirmation Test with each Confirmand, with one Parent present, given by Mrs. Hardiman and based on the Confirmation Study Guide you have been reviewing and received in January. Testing will begin in December though January, your assigned date and time will be given in the Fall.

The Confirmation Retreat will be announced as soon as possible.

Confirmation will be announced as soon as possible. Confirmation practices are scheduled around the given date, two from 6:30 to 8:00 on Wednesdays.

The Sacramental fee is \$150.00 and will be due January 7, 2026.

All eighth graders are required to attend several youth group meetings when scheduled by their assigned class. Information to follow in the Fall.

We look forward to a wonderful year as you complete your preparation to receive the Holy Spirit!

Sincerely,

Barbara Hardiman
Director Religious Education Program

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To: All 8th Grade Parents/Guardians

From: Religious Ed. Office

Date: April 29, 2025

Subject: Confirmation Fee

The sacramental fee for Confirmation covers a portion of the Confirmation retreat, robe rental, and flowers for the altar.

*******Please fill out the form below and return it in an envelope to your teachers along with the Confirmation fee of \$150.00, which will be due by January 7th, 2026.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Student's Name _____

Class # _____

Check for \$ 150.00 made payable to Holy Family. Ck# _____

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Dear Confirmation Candidates for 2025-26,

You **must** choose your Confirmation name and sponsor ASAP.
Choose a name of a Saint that you would like to model in your life.
Go on the internet or to your library and read stories about the Saint's name you chose.
DO NOT USE WIKIPEDIA, it is not a reliable source.

You **must** choose a Sponsor for your Confirmation. Your Sponsor **must** meet the requirements on the enclosed Sponsor Information form and then they must fill out the Certificate of Eligibility Form that **must be** certified and completed by **their** parish. (This includes a Holy Family parishioner if chosen) Your Sponsor's paperwork **must** be returned by **October 15, 2025**. (Certified includes their Parish Seal). You must also write a brief About My Sponsor Report on the enclosed paper, also due in on October 15, 2025.

You **must** write a report on your chosen Saint's life and have it ready to hand in to your Religious Education teacher on **November 12, 2025**. Details enclosed on how to write a report on the "Confirmation Name and Saint's Report" Worksheet outline. **You must have a cover page with chosen Saint's picture and a reference page listing your sources that were used for your report.** The report must be typed.

You need to complete the enclosed **"Beatitudes Report" by December 10, 2025.**

You **should have** completed a minimum of 30 Christian Service hours since the summer of Fifth grade; **please scan them directly in to the Rel. Ed. office asap, if you have not already done so.** Your service must be listed and form signed, by the adult, advisor or chairperson in charge of the service provided. 15 Church hours and 15 Community hours were required as discussed at our earlier parent meetings and emails sent home.

You **must** attend the Confirmation Mandatory Day of Retreat to be announced (TBA).

Enclosed are copies of your **Checklist of Confirmation Requirements with due dates and other required forms and Confirmation Day Instructions with dress code.**

If you or your parents/guardians have any questions, please call our office at the above number and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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Director Religious Education Program
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CHECKLIST OF CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS **FOR 2025-26**

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>
* Choose your Confirmation name	ASAP (to have completed
* Choose your Sponsor (requirements enclosed)	ASAP by below due dates)
* Letter to the Pastor (Why I want to make Confirmation; see "Requesting the Sacrament" enclosed)	September 10, 2025**
* Sponsor's Certificate of Eligibility & Form and your "About My Sponsor" report	October 15, 2025
* Saint's Report (see worksheet enclosed) MUST be written about the Saint's name you choose for your Confirmation name.	November 12, 2025
* Beatitudes Report	December 10, 2025
* Oral Confirmation Testing to Begin with each Confirmand, one Parent and Mrs. Hardiman based on <u>Confirmation Study Guide</u>	December 2025-January 2026
* Christian Community Service (<u>30</u> hours since summer of Fifth grade)	Was due April 29, 2025
*Sacramental Fee Due (\$150) pay to Holy Family	January 07, 2026
*Robe Measuring Day all students	January 07, 2026
* Mandatory Day of Retreat	TBA 2026
* Confirmation Practices	March 4 & 11, 2026
* Confirmation Day	March 18, 2026

****Letter to Pastor due 9/10/25 to be presented to Father Pfleger, hand in to your teacher. The student is responsible for any letter that is not completed and given to your Teacher and you will have to have a personal interview with Father Pfleger (at his convenience) to determine if candidate is eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please place completed letter in an envelope addressed to Fr. Pfleger and make sure your letter is typed.**

*****It is necessary that all requirements be fulfilled in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply— to worship, witness, and serve as a committed Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, write a letter of request to your bishop (or pastor) stating your desire. Follow these guidelines.

Begin your letter with the greeting: Dear

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How to Use This Book

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Tell something about your family, your background, your education, your interests, your personality, your goals, etc.

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Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.
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Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you list all about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service for others *outside of home and within the parish*, etc.

Paragraph 3: service for officers executed at home and within the present, and tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your contributions in the birth real and effective in the future.

Close up the letter and write your complete signature.

Address your letter as follows:

Yolne Name

No Stamp

Person's full and name
Street
City, State Zip Code

YOUR ACTION MUST BE INITIATED BY TELEPHONE BY September 10, 2025
(Date)

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH SPONSOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION

The choice of sponsor for confirmation is a very important one. It is an honor to be chosen but there is much more to the role than being honorary.

THE SPONSOR

1. Witnesses, prays and is active in the liturgical life of the church, participating in Sunday Mass and receives the sacraments regularly.
2. Is a real friend, someone whom you can trust and confide in, someone who is "there" when needed, the kind of person you would like to be.
3. Is a guide, a good "listener" who is ready to give advice when asked, one whose experience as a practicing Catholic is an invaluable source for helping you to make decisions about your own life as a Catholic.
4. Takes an interest in the program you are following and will be ready to accept the invitations you send to take part in the special Masses celebrated during the preparation program.
5. Knows you well enough to say before the parish when the time comes that you are someone who is choosing freely to celebrate confirmation.

Sponsors are expected to be models, that is, persons to whom young people can look up to, and observe how a mature, committed member of the faith community lives. The idea of being a model, of course, is both embarrassing and threatening to most of us. We don't normally go around considering ourselves models of many things, especially of virtue, faith and the like. It should be stressed, then, that model as used here doesn't mean one who has achieved the ideal of Christian perfection. Rather the sponsors are being asked to model the behavior of a person striving to follow Jesus and His teachings. In that sense, they can be authentic models with whom you can identify. Just as a young person experiences weakness, you can look to your sponsors to see how the more mature Christian deals with his or her personal weakness in the light of faith.

Another image of the role of sponsor is that of mentor. A mentor is a fancy name for a coach -- a person who has learned by the experience of playing the game. The mentor or coach gives advice, challenges the person to try harder, to develop their hidden talents and to overcome bad habits. The coach praises and the coach scolds and knows when one is more necessary than the other.

It is necessary to get a Certificate of Eligibility from the sponsor's parish. Once you have asked the person of your choice and he/she agrees to serve as your sponsor, please ask them to return to you their Certificate of Eligibility and the attached Sponsor Form. The certificate and forms are due Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPONSOR

1. A sponsor must be sufficiently mature for the role. They must be at least 16 years of age.
2. A sponsor must belong to the Catholic Church and must have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
3. A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic and registered in a Church.
4. A sponsor, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church.
5. A sponsor may be the same sponsor the individual had at Baptism.
6. A sponsor may be a new sponsor selected specifically for Confirmation.
7. A sponsor may be either male or female for any candidate.
8. A sponsor may not be a parent of the child to be confirmed.

Mrs. Barbara Hardiman



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Certificate of Eligibility Form



Baptism



Confirmation



RCIA

Please PRINT

Full Name of individual receiving the Sacrament of Baptism or candidate receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. _____ CONFIRMATION NAME: _____

Full Name of Godparent/Sponsor _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # _____ Email Address _____

Godparent/Sponsor Church of Confirmation _____ Year of Confirmation _____

Statement of the Godparent/Sponsor

In accepting the role of sacramental sponsorship I acknowledge that I must be a model and example of a committed and active Catholic and a support to the parents of the individual for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation in the practice of our Catholic faith through prayer and personal example.

- o I am at least 16 years of age
- o I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church
- o If married, my marriage was blessed by the Catholic Church
- o I am a practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly, and received the sacraments of the Church

I hereby assure that I am committed to my Catholic faith, by my witness to the values taught by the Church and expressed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by ways I seek to serve others out of love of Christ.

Signature of Godparent or Sponsor _____ Date _____

Statement of Priest

(This section to be completed by the Godparent/Sponsor Parish)

This will verify that the above-named is an active member of this parish, and is, to the best of my knowledge, initiated in the sacraments of the Church, is faithful in attending Sunday Mass and in the practice of the Catholic Faith, and is able to accept the responsibility of Sacramental Sponsor.

Name of Church _____

City and State _____

Date Issued _____ Signature of Priest or Deacon _____

(Parish Seal)

Sponsor Report

Your sponsor is a companion on your journey to Confirmation. Your sponsor is someone who shares with you his or her own faith, knowledge, and experience of being a Catholic. Identify the person you have selected and his/her relationship to you. Describe why you selected this person and what makes them qualified to be your sponsor. (Must be at least 8 sentences.)

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
CONFIRMATION NAME AND SAINT'S REPORT
WORKSHEET

Many people choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that that person led.

Find out more about your patron saint's life. Choose either your baptismal or confirmation patron.

Saint's Name: _____ Feast Day: _____

Saint's place of birth: _____

Find out something about this saint's:

❖ Family:

❖ Occupation:

❖ Life and/or death:

What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life?

Why did you choose this saint?

Ask your parents or grandparents how they picked the name you received at birth? Your baptismal name? Then write (on back) a brief story about what you found out.

Candidate's full name: _____ Date: _____

Your Report should be typed, have a cover, and all of the above information

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH BEATTITUDES REPORT

You have studied the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are guidelines for true happiness. Jesus calls us to follow him in faith, hope, and love.

1. Explain how the Beatitudes hold us to a high ethical standard?

2. How can you as a young Christian live the spirit of the Beatitudes?

3. What does our society and media seem to value more: power over enemies or love of enemies, how does society look at wealth?

4. What did Jesus say about these things?

5. Which is your favorite Beatitude?

6. Explain why?

Candidate's full name: _____ Date: _____

Instructions for Confirmation Day

Hair should be off the face, no bangs.

NO dangling earrings. NO flowers or boutonnieres are to be worn.

Cell phones or any other electronically operated devices should be left at home or given to your parents to hold, in an off position. If you are seen with a phone, etc, it will be confiscated and you will have to collect it after the ceremony. They will not be separated but put into a general bag.

You will be returning to Memorial Hall where you will return your robe to the designated area and you will be given your confirmation certificate.

Remember the dress code:

Boys: white shirt/tie/dress pants and dress shoes. No jackets are to be worn under robe. (Red ties are included for all the boys along with the robes.)

Girls: light makeup, dress shoes and stockings, if possible. Remember dresses or skirts and blouses are the acceptable outfits. Please no very high heels. I would suggest that you walk in your shoes for a while so you get used to them. If you walk up those front stairs they are slippery and I don't want to see anyone fall. White collars are included for all girls with robes.

Please remember to get to Memorial Hall a half hour before your assigned Ceremony time.